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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but was overall mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, instances improved for first of the month and into fast food channels. Supplies were usually sufficient with heavier weights often tight. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for midweek. Breast items were in balance to tight, and dark meat was readily available. Wings were irregular with supplies increased in some areas, but short in others as Super Bowl nears. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 69.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 73.75 cents last year on February 2, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	137.00
BREASTS - B/S	111.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	57.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.50
LEG QUARTERS	25.00
WINGS	100.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to fair with hopes that first of the month activity and features will increase interest. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Breast items were balanced to close, wings were sufficient to well cleared, and dark meat was readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged fair to moderately good. Offerings were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily on the heavier sizes; fully adequate on the smaller sizes. Retail and distributive movement ranged light to moderate; best where fast food movement was featured. The market tone was mostly steady to at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to well cleared; dark meat cuts were more than sufficient for current needs. Wings were mostly adequate.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady, undertone fully steady. Offerings were light for a mixed trade call. Fill-in trade noted on 3 up wogs at 47 cents delivered into the Chicago area. Retail and food service demand was irregular, slightly improved overall as momentum builds for first of month and super bowl weekend. Best demand was noted into spots bars, restaurants and fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to ample; weights desirable to at times light. Parts offerings continued limited on breast cuts with remaining parts fully sufficient for trade needs. The market tone was steady to firm on breast cuts and steady on the balance of parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone, although mixed, was overall steady. Offerings generally adequate to cover immediate needs. Retailer demand was moderate, best for parts. Floor stocks in fair balance with demand. The market tone was steady to firm on parts with breast items in the strongest position.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 28, 2006. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 28, 2006. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through January 28, 2006 were 697 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 01/28/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	213,124	212,630	+0
CHICKS PLACED	174,421	171,340	+02

Source: USDA, NASS

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 11-Mar-06 is estimated at 160.5 million head. This compares to 159.9 million head the previous week and to 161.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.74 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	595	96.00-165.00	103-108	107.56	BREAST - B/S	620	97.00-165.00	99-105	103.07
TENDERLOINS	308	72.00-140.00	-	82.82	TENDERLOINS	178	75.00-139.00	-	85.46
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	233	30.00-48.00	32-34	34.14	LEGS	248	30.00-48.00	32-34	33.97
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	628	18.00-25.00	21-22	21.18	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	588	19.00-25.00	20-22	21.26
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,029	22.00-30.00	23-25	23.95	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,049	22.00-30.00	23-24	24.09
WINGS (WHOLE)	409	92.00-104.00	94-97	96.54	WINGS (WHOLE)	307	92.00-104.00	93-97	96.44
WINGS (CUT)	290	110.00-116.00	113-115	114.31	WINGS (CUT)	220	110.00-116.00	112-114	112.86
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
37.00-43.50	40.04	38.00-43.00	40.31	39.20

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts were in close balance to tight; boneless skinless breast were about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient for current trade needs. Wings were mostly adequate. Movement through retail channels was moderate to good. Distributive movement was mostly fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for bone-in breast; at least steady to fully steady for boneless skinless breasts. Other items were about steady to steady.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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CURRENT NEG				CURRENT NEG			
ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	101.54	748,720	BREAST - B/S	115	104.36	531,000
TENDERLOINS	90-95	91.63	159,000	TENDERLOINS	90-95	92.16	55,700
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	63.10	93,200	BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	63.50	93,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	55	55.38	72,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	56	60.00	81,000
LEGS	39-40	38.35	309,920	LEGS	39-40	40.79	143,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	24.05	438,200	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	23.82	301,800
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	34.82	86,990	DRUMSTICKS	30-31	35.68	72,800
THIGHS	33-34	38.77	67,840	THIGHS	33-34	38.29	60,400
B/S THIGHS	100-101	94.74	120,040	B/S THIGHS	100-101	95.39	38,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	95.58	244,740	WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	102.72	169,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.66	27,400	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.41	23,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	44.91	27,642	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	44.73	19,582
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	56.92	46,120	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	58.99	24,440

 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Alabama	02/01	01/31	01/30	01/27	01/30	01/27	01/25	01/23	
Arkansas	3,982	4,059	3,893	3,715	5.50	5.25	3,747	5.47	
Delmarva	5,371	5,374	5,034	5,177	5.21	5.15	5,359	5.34	
KY-LA-TN	2,297	2,331	2,318	2,559	5.81	5.61	2,287	5.87	
Mississippi	2,349	2,321	2,231	2,415	5.28	5.35	2,206	5.20	
North Car	2,950	2,801	2,841	3,332	5.88	5.51	2,945	5.75	
Texas	2,595	2,571	2,532	2,577	6.77	6.85	2,541	6.86	
Total	22,039	21,945	21,395	22,058	5.61	5.49	21,414	5.63	
Mon-Wed	65,758(B)								64,949(B)

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Feb-06 is estimated to be 32,973,000 head up 2.61 percent from a week ago and up 7.62 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,134,000, last year 30,637,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-105
	DRY PACK	114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	109
DUCKS		185-190

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 04-Feb-06

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/04/06 (1)	01/28/06
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	164,986 (2)	164,369
Light hens	1,387	1,456
Heavy hens	1,467	1,346
Total	167,840	167,171

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Feb-06 is 162.4 million head compared to 158.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.3 million head or 2.9 million more than estimated available. For the week of 11-Feb-06 the estimated available is 164.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 01/30/06	49,669	71,828
AM 01/01/06	31,772	67,392
CHG	17,897	4,436
PCT CHG	56	7

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/30/06	01/23/06	01/31/05	01/30/06	01/23/06	01/31/05
PACIFIC						
COAST	2,203	2,324	1,456	5,865	4,863	7,266
LOS ANGELES	43	52	67	3,049	3,056	4,054

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2006

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	76-78
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	77-86

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**FOR 1/31/06**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.65	.75	.70	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.00	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.05	.10	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.00	1.40	1.10	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.35	1.75	1.37	RABBITS ea.	-	1.25	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	6.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	31						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending January 27, 2006

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	43.45	99.92	60.82	13.03	4.34	82.55
High	65.17	112.96	69.51	17.38	8.69	82.55
Mostly	43.45	104.27	69.51	13.03	4.34	82.55

SAN JUAN

Low	43.45	99.92	56.48	13.03	4.34	82.55
High	65.17	108.61	60.82	17.38	8.69	82.55
Mostly	43.45	104.27	60.82	13.03	4.34	82.55

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	43.45	99.92	52.13	13.03	4.34	86.89
High	65.17	108.61	60.82	17.38	8.69	86.89
Mostly	43.45	104.27	56.48	13.03	4.34	86.89

BECERRA

Low	43.45	104.27	65.17	13.03	4.34	91.24
High	69.51	112.96	69.51	17.38	8.69	91.24
Mostly	43.45	108.61	69.51	17.38	4.34	91.24

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained moderately good overall and was sufficient in keeping the bulk of seller offerings in generally good balance, particularly the larger sizes which were short in some instances. Live supplies were moderate; weights were irregular and mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, boneless/skinless and bone-in breast continued to clear well. Leg quarters were fully adequate. Wings were barely adequate to short.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	55-73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

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